

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Lowery's Hotel

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

West side of Love Point Road

CITY, TOWN

Stevensville

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Queen Anne's

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Stuart Janion

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

RT#3, Box 630

CITY, TOWN

Stevensville

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21666

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC Queen Anne's County Courthouse

Liber #: MWM 158

Folio #: 741

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE _____

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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Lowery's Hotel is located on the west side of the Love Point Road a few hundred yards north of the center of Stevensville, directly opposite the old Trinity MP Church (QA-217).

The hotel, now a private residence, was constructed in two stages. The original building is of frame construction, two stories high, five bays wide, and one room deep, with flush brick chimneys at either end of a pitched gable roof that extends out over two story porches on both the front and rear facades. This building was later enlarged by an addition to the north gable. This addition is also frame, two stories high and two bays wide. It extends the full depth of the original building and both porches, forming a T-plan structure with a continuous pitched gable roof.

The principal entrance is in the center bay of the east facade of the original five bay structure. This door is framed with sidelights and a five-light transom, and is flanked by two 6/6 windows on each side. There is a plain door without sidelights

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This large frame building serves today as a private residence but is still known locally as Lowery's Hotel. The two story five bay section to the south is mid-19th century in date and was presumably constructed by the Jeffers family, who purchased 266 acres of land including this lot from Edward Ringgold in 1841. It seems likely that the original building served as a private residence initially, and was later enlarged by the two story addition to the north. The roof was also rebuilt and two story galleries were constructed across both facades. In 1888, the property was purchased by Alexander Lowery, who operated a hotel business. It remained in the Lowery family until 1935.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Orlando Ridout V, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Queen Anne's County Historical Society

DATE

4/28/81

STREET &amp; NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

Field Notebook QA-XXII, Recorded December 8, 1980.

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

**Property Name:** Lowery's Hotel

**Address:** 630 Love Point Road, Stevensville, Maryland

**Owner Name/Taxpayer I. D. Number:** Country Store Partnership/52-147-7213

**Description:**

Lowery's Hotel, a two-story, frame, gable-roofed building with clapboard siding, is comprised of a five-bay, center-entrance I-house section with a two-tiered, recessed gallery on the front (east) facade to which is attached a two bay section without galleries. The two sections are of uniform depth under a single standing seam metal roof. Two brick chimneys are on the ridgeline, serving original fireplaces in the formal rooms off either side of the center hall. Two brick stove chimneys flank the ridgeline on the northern section of the building. The regular rhythm of the fenestration, echoed by the bays of the gallery, is repeated on the rear (west) facade where the double-tiered gallery is presently only two bays long. The double-hung sash windows have a consistent configuration of six over six. The north elevation is three bays wide with two round-arched attic windows. The south elevation, narrowed by the recessed galleries, has fenestration only at the attic level: two 4/2 windows. The shutters are original.

The interior of the south (I-house) section features a center hall and stairs which retain an unaltered historic appearance with the original staircase, turned walnut newel post, tapered balusters and original door trim with plain corner blocks. A door at the end of the hall leads to a later partial enclosure of the rear gallery. The two first floor rooms are distinguished by their identical wood mantelpieces, original wood flooring and simple window and baseboard trim. Baseboard heating elements were added by a previous owner. The chimney breast of the fireplace in the north room has been exposed and reworked by a previous owner. On the second floor the north bedroom has wood floors, molded window trim on the front windows and plain baseboards with later baseboard heating elements. Evidence of alterations includes a filled-in area of floorboards and the door opening that was cut into the west wall. This door leads to a more recently added room which was originally part of the rear gallery. The room has a carpeted floor and a wood plank ceiling. It leads to an added, mid-20th century bathroom. The south bedroom is similar in appearance to the north bedroom except for the ceiling, which has been refinished with acoustical ceiling tile, the carpeted floor and the addition of wallpaper.

The northern section of the house, believed to contain the public rooms when the building functioned as a hotel, has two rooms and a pantry on the first floor. The east room appears to have its original plaster walls and wood flooring. The door, window and baseboard trimwork is plain. The ceiling has been reworked to expose the "rafters." The stove chimney appears to have been reworked. The west room contains the kitchen, updated totally with mid-20th century finishes and appliances including an accoustical tile ceiling and a vinyl tile floor. The only original feature that remains is the molded window trimwork. The pantry off of the kitchen is a roughly finished room containing the hot water heater. The second floor of the north section has been divided into small rooms off of a wide, lateral hall. Later alterations in plan include an area on the west side of the hall which was partitioned into a contemporary bathroom and a dressing room. All of the rooms have altered flooring, added baseboard heating elements, original window and door trim and plaster walls.

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The third floor interior has a finished room on the south side of the central stairs. The middle section has subflooring but is otherwise unfinished. A skylight on the western slope of the gable roof was added by a previous owner. The north section is unfinished except for the floorboards.

Lowery's Hotel is set on a generously sized lot with its street frontage delineated by a 19th century iron fence in partially damaged condition. A gravel driveway runs along the north side of the property. Hedges define the south side. There are no outbuildings.

**Significance:**

Lowery's Hotel, constructed about 1860, contributes to the architectural significance of the Stevensville Historic District as the one remaining of several hotels or public houses that existed in Stevensville during the early 20th century. It also adds to the character of the district by its location, setting, scale, materials and unaltered exterior. By its historical function as a boarding house and later a hotel, the building is significant for its association with Stevensville's development as a center of trade and commerce for Kent Island following the development of the steamboat terminal in 1866 through the 1920s. It is listed as a contributing building in Item 7, page 4, p. 141.

REVIEW SHEET

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Historic Preservation Certification Application—Significance

ty: LOWERY'S HOTEL, 630 LOVE POINT RD., STEVENSVILLE, MD Project No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Historic District: STEVENSVILLE  
11-7-88 date initial application received by State \_\_\_\_\_ date(s) additional information requested by State  
11-7-88 date complete information received by State \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ date of this transmittal to NPS \_\_\_\_\_  
Inspection of property by State staff? ☐ no ☐ yes date(s): \_\_\_\_\_

☒ There is adequate documentation enclosed to evaluate the historic character and integrity of this property.  
☐ There is insufficient documentation to evaluate the property adequately. The application is missing the following items:

Reasonable efforts have been made to obtain this information. Copies of the information requests are enclosed.

NUMBER	This property involves:	
1	<input type="checkbox"/> Extensive loss of historic fabric	<input type="checkbox"/> Obscured or covered elevation(s)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial alterations over time	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved property
	<input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary determination of listing	<input type="checkbox"/> State recommendation inconsistent with NR documentation
	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ for district	<input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation different from the applicant's request
	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ for individual property	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Significance less than 50 years old	

NUMBER	Complete item(s) below as appropriate.
2	(1) The documentation on file with the National Register cites the period(s) of significance of this historic district as <u>1850-1930</u>
	(2) The property <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> contributes _____ does not contribute to the historic significance of this registered historic district in: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> design <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> materials <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> workmanship <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> feeling _____ association _____ Property is mentioned in the NR or State or local district documentation in Section <u>7</u> , page <u>4</u> .
	(3) For properties less than 50 years old: _____ the historical merits of the district (the periods and areas of significance) are documented in the National Register form or district documentation on file as less than 50 years old, justifying the certification of this property's contribution. _____ the exceptional historical or architectural significance of this property as described in the National Register form or district documentation on file justifies its certification as contributing. _____ there is insufficient justification to consider this property as contributing to the district for its individual exceptional architectural or historical significance or the significance of the district does not extend to the last 50 years.
	(4) For preliminary determinations: A. The status of the nomination for the property/historic district: _____ Nomination has already been submitted to State review board, and nomination will be forwarded to the NPS within _____ months. (Draft nomination is enclosed.) _____ Nomination was submitted to the NPS on _____. _____ Nomination will be submitted to the State review board within twelve months. _____ Nomination process likely will be completed within thirty months. _____ Other, explain:
	B. Evaluation of the property: _____ Property is individually eligible and meets National Register Criteria for Evaluation _____ Property is located within a potential registered district that meets National Register Criteria for Evaluation: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D Criteria Considerations: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G
	(5) The property is located in a registered district, is outside the period(s) or area(s) of significance as documented in the NR form and: _____ appears to contribute to the expanded significance of the district. Enclosed is the revised nomination documentation. _____ does not appear to contribute to the period(s) or area(s) of significance of the district.

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Describe and evaluate the physical characteristics of the property, its integrity, and its significance within the context of the historic district (or individually for preliminary determinations of individual listings).

BUILT CIRCA 1860 AS A BOARDING HOUSE AND LATER USED AS A HOTEL, THE BUILDING REFLECTS THE VERNACULAR VICTORIAN STYLE THAT IS PREVALENT IN THE DISTRICT. ALTHOUGH VIRTUALLY INTACT ON THE EXTERIOR, MINOR ALTERATIONS HAVE OCCURRED AT THE INTERIOR WHICH RESULTED IN THE REMOVAL OF SOME HISTORIC FABRIC. IN SPITE OF THOSE ALTERATIONS, THE INTERIOR CONTINUES TO READ AS ORIGINAL CONSTRUCTION AND CONTRIBUTES TO THE OVERALL CHARACTER OF THE BUILDING.

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State Official Recommendation:

This application for the above-named property has been reviewed by MICHAEL DAY, a professionally qualified architect, architectural historian, or historian on my staff.

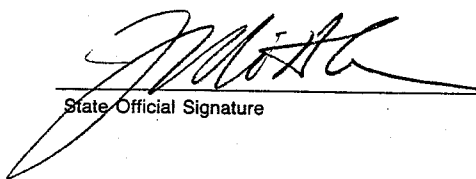
- ☒ The property is included within the boundaries of a registered historic district, contributes to the significance of the district, and is a "certified historic structure" for the purpose of rehabilitation.
- ☐ The property is included within the boundaries of a registered historic district, contributes to the significance of the district, and is a "certified historic structure" for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes in accordance with the Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980.
- ☐ The property does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.
- ☐ The property appears to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely be nominated.
- ☐ The property does not appear to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will not be nominated.
- ☐ The property appears to contribute to the significance of a:
  - ☐ potential historic district which appears to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely be nominated.
  - ☐ registered historic district but is outside the period(s) or areas of significance as documented in the National Register nomination or district documentation on file with the NPS. Revised nomination or district documentation is enclosed.
- ☐ The property should be denied a preliminary determination that it could qualify as a certified historic structure.
- ☐ Insufficient documentation has been provided to evaluate the structure.

☐ Detailed NPS review recommended ☐ Precedent-setting case ☐ Forwarded without recommendation

Date

12-19-88

State Official Signature



☐ See attachments:

NPS Comments:

Date

NPS Reviewer



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION APPLICATION  
PART 1 — EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

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NRIS No:

NPS Office Use Only

Project No:

Instructions: Read the instructions carefully before completing application. No certification will be made unless a completed application form has been received. Type or print clearly in black ink. If additional space is needed, use continuation sheets or attach blank sheets.

1. Name of property: Lowery's Hotel

Address of property: Street 630 Love Point Road

City Stevensville County Queen Anne's State MD Zip 21666

Name of historic district: Stevensville Historic District

☒ National Register district ☐ certified state or local district ☐ potential historic district

2. Check nature of request:

- ☒ certification that the building contributes to the significance of the above-named historic district for the purpose of rehabilitation.  
☐ certification that the structure or building and, where appropriate, the land area on which such a structure or building is located contributes to the significance of the above-named historic district for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes.  
☐ certification that the building does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.  
☐ preliminary determination for individual listing in the National Register.  
☐ preliminary determination that a building located within a potential historic district contributes to the significance of the district.  
☐ preliminary determination that a building outside the period or area of significance contributes to the significance of the district.

3. Project contact:

Name Emma Jane Saxe

Street 12975 Hampton Forest Ct. City Fairfax

State VA Zip 22030 Daytime Telephone Number 202-822-9797

4. Owner:

I hereby attest that the information I have provided is, to the best of my knowledge, correct, and that I own the property described above. I understand that falsification of factual representations in this application is subject to criminal sanctions of up to \$10,000 in fines or imprisonment for up to five years pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1001.

Name Roger W. Eisinger, Jr. Signature [Signature] Date 8-12-88

Organization Country Store Partnership

Social Security or Taxpayer Identification Number 52-147-7213

Street Suite 400 East, 7315 Wisconsin Ave. City Bethesda

State MD Zip 20814 Daytime Telephone Number 301-469-3000

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The National Park Service has reviewed the "Historic Preservation Certification Application — Part 1" for the above-named property and hereby determines that the property:

- ☐ contributes to the significance of the above-named district and is a "certified historic structure" for the purpose of rehabilitation.  
☐ contributes to the significance of the above-named district and is a "certified historic structure" for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes in accordance with the Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980.  
☐ does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.

Preliminary Determinations:

- ☐ appears to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely be listed in the National Register of Historic Places if nominated by the State Historic Preservation Officer according to the procedures set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.  
☐ does not appear to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely not be listed in the National Register.  
☐ appears to contribute to the significance of a potential historic district, which will likely be listed in the National Register of Historic Places if nominated by the State Historic Preservation Officer.  
☐ appears to contribute to the significance of a registered historic district but is outside the period or area of significance as documented in the National Register nomination or district documentation on file with the NPS.  
☐ does not appear to qualify as a certified historic structure.

Date

National Park Service Authorized Signature

National Park Service Office/Telephone No:

☐ See Attachments

HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
CERTIFICATION APPLICATION  
PART 1

NPS Office Use Only

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Lowery's Hotel

Property Name

Stevensville, MD

Property Address

Project Number:

5. Description of physical appearance:

Please see Continuation Sheet.

Date of Construction: c. 1860 Source of Date: National Register nomination

Date(s) of Alteration(s): Mid-20th Century

Has building been moved? ☐ yes ☒ no. If so, when? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Statement of significance:

Please see Continuation Sheet.

7. Photographs and maps.

Attach photographs and maps to application.

Photos: District Streetscapes: 6-8

Exterior: 1-4

Interior: 10, 13, 14, 19, 23, 27, 37, 41, 43

Continuation sheets attached: ☒ yes ☐ no

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Lowery's Hotel

Mary McCarthy  
Spring/Summer 2003  
Digital color photo on file at MHT





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Lowery's Hotel  
Stevensville, Maryland  
Orlando Ridout V 1981  
West facade



QA-266 Lowery's Hotel  
Stevensville, Maryland  
Orlando Ridout V 1981  
Front facade from Southeast